

# Is the **UK** a **tolerant** place to live?



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# Why are we talking about this?

The Holocaust was a period in history at the time of World War Two (1939-1945), **when millions of people were killed because they were Jewish\*1.**



Every year, holocaust victims are remembered on **Holocaust Memorial Day on 27<sup>th</sup> January.** This year, the trust was encouraging us to #StandTogether against hate and intolerance in our communities.

**Tolerance** is a word that has appeared many times in **recent news** too. In this lesson you will find out exactly **what tolerance is** and what it has to do with the four stories pictured to the right.



## 2 What is tolerance?



### Tolerant:

Willing to accept behaviour and beliefs that are different from your own, even if you don't agree with them.

If someone is not tolerant, they **don't accept behaviour of beliefs that are different to their own**. We call this intolerance.

If someone is intolerant and does not accept your ideas, they **might treat you differently** or even unkindly. This is called **discrimination**.



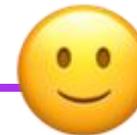
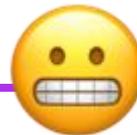
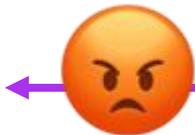
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### 3 What is tolerance?



Think honestly about how tolerant you feel people in your school are. How would people in your class react if...

Someone had a religious belief which is different to the rest of the class.

A girl wanted to join a football team.

Someone had different political beliefs.

Someone thought eating meat was wrong.

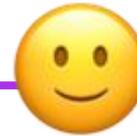
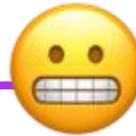
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Based on your answers, do you think people in your school are **tolerant**?

### 3 How tolerant in the UK?



Everyone in the UK is **free to choose their own religion to worship** (or to choose not to worship any religion at all!) In **some other countries**, everyone must follow the same religion – if you don't, you are breaking the law.



As of 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020, **same-sex couples can now register to marry in Northern Ireland** (it was legalised in 2014 in the rest of the UK)<sup>5</sup>.



The UK also celebrates lots of **different culture and diversity events** – these raise awareness and teach us about different areas of history, culture and beliefs.

Do you think this shows that the UK is tolerant? Why/why not?

### 3 How tolerant in the UK?

Click the image to watch Harry talk about his decision!



Prince Harry and Meghan Markle recently announced that they would be 'stepping down' from their royal duties.



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They decided to do this because **they feel that the media has treated them unfairly** and they want "a more peaceful life" as a family.

There has also been lots of talk about how **Meghan is treated differently to Prince William's wife, Kate**. Some critics have argued that **Meghan is being treated unfairly because she is not from the UK**.

**Kate's stylish coat co-ordinated perfectly with the Queen**

**How Meghan Markle's confusion over a hat nearly got her into big trouble with the Queen**

The Queen and the Duchess of Sussex were pictured laughing on their first engagement together in Chester

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Do you think this shows that the UK is tolerant? Why/why not?

# Career Launchpad!



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## Career Spotlight:

This is Nazma Begum.  
She is a **Hate Crime Partnerships Officer** in  
the Borough of Tower Hamlets in London.

Click the image to find out more about her  
job, the skills you need for a job like this and  
**how we can all learn to be more tolerant.**



# Is the UK a tolerant place to live?



YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The media are known to exaggerate- we're much more tolerant than that!</li><li>• We're a multi-cultural society which shows we're accepting of all backgrounds and ethnicity.</li><li>• The recent bill on gay marriage shows that we're becoming more tolerant each year.</li><li>• In my experience, I've always found that the UK is a tolerant place to live.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The portrayal of Meghan Markle by the British media shows they're still intolerant toward someone who's different.</li><li>• Just because there are many different cultures living together, doesn't mean they accept each other.</li><li>• The fact we still talk about racism, sexism and homophobia shows they're still major issues.</li><li>• In my experience, I've always found that the UK is an intolerant place to live.</li></ul>

